

**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. ____**

Introduced by: Weinzapfel

A RESOLUTION urging the legislative council to assign to the environmental quality service council the study topics of creation of an environmental financial assistance authority and assessment of the environmental infrastructure needs in Indiana.

Whereas, The wastewater revolving loan program, the drinking water revolving loan program, and the supplemental drinking water and wastewater assistance fund and program are valuable programs used to address environmental infrastructure needs in Indiana;

Whereas, The department of environmental management, the budget agency, and the state board of finance are all currently involved in administering the wastewater revolving loan program, the drinking water revolving loan program, and



the supplemental drinking water and wastewater assistance fund and program;

Whereas, There are possibly billions of dollars in unmet infrastructure needs in Indiana;

Whereas, The wastewater revolving loan program, the drinking water revolving loan program, and the supplemental drinking water and wastewater assistance fund and program may be operated more efficiently by a single environmental financial assistance authority; and

Whereas, Study is required to determine if the creation of a single environmental assistance authority is preferable to the current system, to assess Indiana's infrastructure needs, and to suggest ways to better fund those needs: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the legislative council is urged to assign to the
- 2 environmental quality service council the following topics:
- 3 (1) Studying the feasibility of establishing a single environmental
- 4 financial assistance authority to administer the wastewater
- 5 revolving loan program, the drinking water revolving loan
- 6 program, and the supplemental drinking water and wastewater
- 7 assistance fund and program.
- 8 (2) Assessing and quantifying wastewater, drinking water, storm
- 9 water control, combined sewer overflow, and nonpoint source
- 10 infrastructure needs in Indiana.
- 11 (3) Identifying funding mechanisms and recommending other
- 12 methods of providing additional financing that may be used to
- 13 address the unmet environmental infrastructure needs in Indiana.

